

Atlantic Association of Planning Technicians

Annual General Meeting

June 7, 2007

Centre of Geographic Sciences, Lawrencetown

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:05pm

IN ATTENDANCE

Alden Thurston, President
Mike Thompson, Vice President
Jami Fay, Membership Chair/Treasurer
Marlene Clements, Membership Chair/Treasurer
Melissa Bonin, Secretary
Evan White
Rodney Blanchard
Mark Sorbello
Scott LeBlanc
Melanie Gerrior
Adam Holmes
David Poole
C. Keith Saunders
Amanda Bent
Tim LeFurgey
Britt Roscoe
Mike Donnelly

Regrets: Alton Glenn, Cheryl MacIntosh, Jacques DesJardins, Lori Bickford, Trevor Robar, Jamie Whitters, Andrew Milton, Nick Brown, Paul Edgar, Tracy Robinson, Doug Oliver, Chad Renouf, David Squires, Ed Murray and Yvon Frenette.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following nominations for the Executive were brought forward as follows:

President ó Mike Thompson
Vice-President ó Tim LeFurgey
Secretary ó Melissa Bonin
Membership Chair/Treasurer ó Jami Fay & Marlene Clements
Nova Scotia Representative ó Scott LeBlanc
PEI Representative ó Rodney Blanchard
New Brunswick Representative ó Rodney Blanchard
Newfoundland Representative ó Alton Glen

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Education Committee members:

Mike Donnelly

Ed Symons

C. Keith Saunders

Marlene Clements

All positions were filled by acclamation.

MINUTES OF LAST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

It was moved by Tim LeFurgey and seconded by Scott LeBlanc that the minutes of the October 5, 2006 Annual General Meeting be approved.

Motion Carried

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

It was asked if the committee had heard anything more from Jacques DesJardins. Mr. DesJardins was going to go back to other potential members in New Brunswick to find out about interest in the AAPT and has not gotten back to the committee.

CORRESPONDENCE

No new correspondence.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Jami Fay gave information on the finances and reported a balance of \$11856.60.

It was moved by Keith Saunders and seconded by David Poole that the financial report be accepted.

NEW BUSINESS

Upcoming Workshop Locations

At the previous evening's executive meeting, the committee suggested Moncton as a potential location for the next workshop to help gain more New Brunswick interest in the association.

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The membership had mixed thoughts, as COGS has always been a great venue with valuable resources. It was suggested that the executive committee get in touch with NBCC in Moncton to see if the teachers at the college would be interested in attending next years workshop to present or observe and also to see if anyone would be interested in joining the education committee.

Promoting the Planning Program at COGS

Mike Donnelly expressed that there is a need to have a full-time recruiter at the college to help promote the program. The GIS program is going well, but not enough students are interested to go into Planning. Mike mentioned he would keep the committee informed on any new decisions coming from COGS related to the program.

It was suggested that where the association has more money available, that the scholarships awarded be \$1000 each (up from \$500). The executive should write to COGS to praise the planning program and that they'd like to increase the scholarship funding. It was suggested that this letter be carbon copied to high schools to make them more aware of the program.

A motion was made by David Poole that the executive go ahead with the scholarship increase and when doing so, copy high schools to let them know this is being done.

Moved by Tim LeFurgey and seconded by Adam Holmes.

Discussion continued and motion was rescinded.

A new motion was made that the executive increase the scholarships for this year to \$1000 each, but to also direct the executive to meet to discuss further and clarify the matter, and come back to membership with determination. David Poole moved and Keith Saunders seconded motion.

Upcoming Workshop Topics

- Demographics: Maybe have a Part II to the statistics session of this workshop. March 2008 is the last data release date, so all of the new data could be reviewed along with a look at the Beyond 20/20 software.
- Flood simulation
- Sustainable infrastructure
- Green / Enviro Theme

OTHER BUSINESS

Keith Saunders mentioned working on the website and adding a tips and tricks page that would be useful to members. He asked if anyone had anything of interest to email him. Creating a newsletter for next year was brought up. This is something the executive committee could look at in the fall.

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It was suggested to have a BBQ or golf tournament for a get-together at next year's workshop.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Alden Thurston and seconded by Keith Saunders that the meeting be adjourned at 5:05pm